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ROME FOR FODAG

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAGR, EAID, BG
SUBJECT: FOOD SHIPMENTS TO BANGLADESH

1. WFP ADVISER TREVOR PAGE INFORMS US THAT WFP/ROME HAS TRANSMITTED TO HIM FOR COMMENT A MESSAGE FROM EEC BRUSSELS REPORTING: (1) THAT NO TENDERS HAVE YET BEEN ISSUED FOR THE 150,000 MT OF FY 1976 EEC WHEAT WHICH, IT WAS PLANNED, WOULD ARRIVE BANGLADESH IN MARCH AND APRIL, 1977; AND (2) THAT COUNCIL DECIDED FEBRUARY 2 ON FY 78 LEVEL OF 100,000 MT OF WHEAT FOR BANGLADESH, 70,000 MT OF WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME.

2. PAGE ALSO TELLS US THAT WFP IS TO SHIP AN ADDITIONAL 65,000 MT WHEAT TO ARRIVE BANGLADESH IN MAY, 1977.

3. PAGE, HAVING DISCUSSED MATTER WITH BDG, PLANS URGE PROMPT SHIPMENT OF 150,000 MT, BUT IT OBVIOUS NONE WILL ARRIVE IN MARCH. EC SHIPMENTS TAKE ABOUT 30 DAYS TO REACH BANGLADESH, TO WHICH SHOULD BE ADDED THE TIME
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REQUIRED BY EC TENDERING PROCEDURES. TO ENABLE WFP, AS WELL AS OURSELVES, TO EVALUATE IMPACT THIS LATEST INFORMATION, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE EC BRUSSEL'S ESTIMATE OF TIME REQUIRED TO TENDER.

4. LATEST WFP FOODGRAIN FORECAST (REFAIR) PLACED JUNE 30, 1977 FOODGRAIN STOCKS AT 477,000 MT. IT

NOW APPEARS LIKELY THIS NUMBER MAY BE SOMEWHAT LOWER,
BUT QUITE PROBABLY THE REDUCTION WILL BE ONLY
10,000 MT.

5. CANADA. WE HAVE BEEN ASSUMING THAT CANADA
WOULD AGAIN BE A MAJOR FOOD DONOR WITH WHEAT SHIPMENTS
OF 125,000 MT OR SO ARRIVING IN JULY AND AUGUST. THE
SCANTY INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE RAISES DOUBTS ABOUT
THE CANADIAN PROGRAM THIS YEAR. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY OTTAWA COULD
DEVELOP CONCERNING THE AMOUNT AND TIMING OF FY 77
CANADIAN FOOD AID TO BANGLADESH.
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